TJK/149 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE SHAPED SHEET AND METHOD In re application of: Takeshi Kubota FOR PRODUCING THE SAME Serial No.: 09/720,584 Examiner: Patricia Nordmeyer Filed: December 22, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1772

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AMENDMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

PECEIVED TO 1700 In response to the Final Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on February 28, 2003, Applicant makes the following amendments and submits the remarks appearing after the amendments.

Applicant submits herewith a Request for Continued Examination along with the requisite filing fee. This response, however, is also a conditional authorization to charge any missing fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2126.